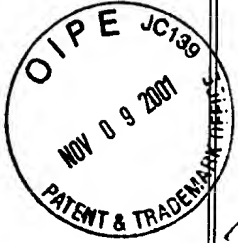


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

The relevance of the non-English language documents is discussed beginning at page 1 of the present application. In particular, Japanese Application Nos. 11-043869 and 11-122000 correspond to the Laid-Open Publication Nos. 2000-245123 and 2000-316262, respectively, being submitted herewith. English language abstracts are also being provided therefor.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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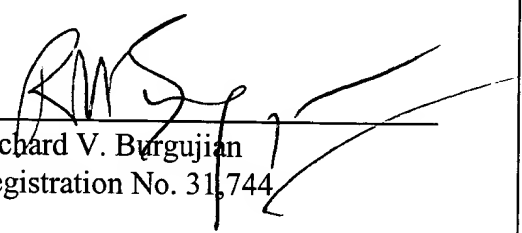
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